

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
 (for Noncontinuing, Nonprovisional  
 Applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 65522

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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing  
 under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the  
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 patent application for:

Title: COLLATING DEVICE

First Named Inventor or  
 Application Identifier:  
 Christopher Hugh Williams

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- (X) 2 sheet(s) of drawings are enclosed. ( ) Formal (X) Informal
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- ( ) An Assignment(s) of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_, and cover sheet are enclosed.
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- ( ) A 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement is enclosed (where an Assignee seeks to take action in a matter before the Patent Office).
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- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ References (copies) listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.
- (X) A Return Receipt Postcard is enclosed (MPEP §503).

(X) Priority of application number 9805730.0 filed on March 17, 1998 in Great Britain is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

( ) A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

( ) A MicroFiche Computer Program (Appendix) is enclosed.

( ) A Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission is enclosed.

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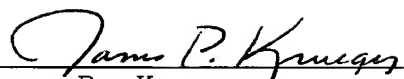
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Applicant(s) hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicant(s) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

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